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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 13, 2006. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is being filed concurrently with this response in order to extend the filing date to December 13, 2006. In view of the remarks put forth below and terminal disclaimer filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.